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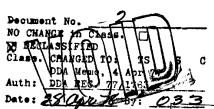
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- The Egyptian Government proposes to link the Sudan with Egypt by extending the railroad from Shallal to Wadi Halfa. The government is convinced of the vital necessity of this project from both the political and economic points of view. It is now considered, together with the Aswan Dam electrification scheme, as having priority in the government's "Five Year Plan."
- 2. As a result of investigations made during the last two years on both banks of the Nile, the authorities have selected the eastern bank as being the more suitable. On this side are the main motor and caravan routes, and there is also considerable mineral wealth to be exploited.
- 3. In the Egyptian State Railway budget for 1948-1949 the sum of LE 20,000 has been allocated for further survey work, and for certain road improvements on the eastern bank of the Nile which are necessary for preliminary work. The Higher Council of the Egyptian State Railways, whose budget is independent of the state budget, is meeting shortly to approve this expenditure.



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